

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (original): A method of forming a cutting edge on a dispensing carton for film, foil or paper comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a tape having a polymeric backing coated with an adhesive on one side,
- b) supplying a roll of said tape to the application station in a box forming machine,
- c) applying the tape to the carton board in the box forming machine and laminating the same, and
- d) cutting the carton board into carton blanks and the tape lengthwise to form a cutting edge on each blank.

Claim 8 (original): The method of Claim 7 wherein the method includes the step of die cutting the carton board and the tape to form a serrated edge in the tape adhered to the carton board.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 7 wherein the method includes the step of cutting the tape backing to form a serrated edge along an edge of the tape.

Claim 10 (original): The method of Claim 7 wherein the tape comprises a backing formed of a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyethylene and polypropylene.

Claim 11 (original): The method according to Claim 10 wherein the adhesive comprises an EVA hot melt adhesive.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The ~~tape of Claim 1~~ method of Claim 10 wherein said backing is heat resistant between about 160°F (71°C) and about 350°F (177°C).

Claim 13 (original): The method according to Claim 11 wherein said backing is corona treated.

Claims 14-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (new): A method of forming a cutting edge on a dispensing carton for film, foil, or paper, the method comprising:

supplying a roll of tape to an application station, the tape having a polymeric backing coated with an adhesive on one side;

applying a length of the tape to a length of carton board and laminating the tape to the carton board; and

cutting the carton board and tape lengthwise to separate the carton board into carton blanks and form a cutting edge on each carton blank.

Claim 22 (new): The method according to claim 21, wherein the cutting of the carton board and the tape forms a serrated edge in the tape and along the cutting edge of each carton blank.

Claim 23 (new): The method according to claim 21, wherein the carton blank comprises a front panel, a bottom panel, a rear panel, and a lid.

Claim 24 (new): The method according to claim 23, wherein the cutting edge is formed on the front panel.

Claim 25 (new): The method according to claim 21, wherein the tape comprises a backing formed of a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyethylene and polypropylene.

Claim 26 (new): A dispensing carton comprising:

- a) at least a front panel, a rear panel, and a lid connected to the rear panel, the lid being provided with a flap joined to the lid to overlap said front panel; and
- b) a serrated cutting edge formed on the front panel, the cutting edge being formed of a polymeric material and adhesively adhered to a matching serrated edge formed on the front panel.

Claim 27 (new): The dispensing carton of Claim 27, wherein the cutting edge comprises a tape formed of the polymeric material backing selected from the group consisting of polyester, polypropylene and polyethylene and a hot melt adhesive disposed upon a surface of the polymeric material backing, and having a thickness between 2 mils (.05 mm) and 7 mils (.18 mm).